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lication, that for 1919, statistics for the period 1788–1900 are revised and those since 1900 are brought down, in authoritative form, to include 1918. Thus there is a complete statement of Australia's activities in the war and a statistical summary, graphically illustrated, of the relative cost of food, groceries, and house rent in relation to distribution of population for the years 1913 to 1918 inclusive. The latest irrigation developments are treated in detail. In fact, practically every aspect of Australian life in which a geographer might be interested is described or analyzed or illustrated by statistics or graphs. It may be noted in passing that the American Geographical Society has for several years given considerable attention to completing its collection of yearbooks owing to the growing value of many of them in scientific research.

The Australian yearbook for 1919 contains an orographical map of the Commonwealth that deserves special mention. Since 1903 the Weather Bureau has been collecting appropriate data for the map, and these have now been assembled and supplemented, and the contours redrawn, by Dr. Griffith Taylor, Commonwealth Physiographer and now also Professor of Geography at Sydney University. For much of the area the contours are only form lines sketched between stations of known height. For the rest the contours represent surveys of moderate detail. The result is that we have a general assembly of most diverse data but the whole so critically treated according to accepted cartographical principles as

to make a real contribution to knowledge.

The map is in eight altitude tints separated by 0, 500, 1,000, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000, and 5,000 feet; and there is a separate shading for the land below sea level principally on the eastern and southern margins of the Lake Eyre depression, the surface of the lake being 39 feet below sea level.

This number of the yearbook also includes a specially contributed article, "The Plains

and Peneplains of Australia," by E. C. Andrews.

A CENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN SCIENCE

E. S. Dana and Others. Edits. A Century of Science in America, with Special Reference to the American Journal of Science, 1818-1918. (Mrs. Hepsa Ely Silliman Memorial Lectures, Vol. 14.) 458 pp.; diagrs., ills., bibliogrs. Yale Univ-Press, New Haven, 1918. \$4. 9 x 6 inches.

Among the thirteen chapters in this book, Chapter 3, written by Professor H. E. Gregory, of Yale University, is of interest to geographical students as a brief history of progress in the interpretation of land forms. In addition to many valuable sidelights on the history of the development of physiographical thought the chapter contains a useful bibliography of seventy-three titles, covering nearly all phases of the science.